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## EVENTS OF THE DAY

Newsy Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

### PREPARED FOR THE BUSY READER

Less Important but Not Less Interesting Happenings from Points Outside the State.

Parts of Mexico are suffering from severe drought.

The senate has defeated local option in California by a vote of 12 to 25.

Bryan hopes never again to run for president, but may run for senator.

The Louisiana Supreme court has decided that the anti-betting law is valid.

Tabulated figures show that Chicago has 710 inspectors of different kinds on the payroll.

The Standard Oil company has been fined \$20,000 in New York for accepting rebates and a new trial refused.

Los Angeles again has a mayor, the council having elected William D. Stephens to hold until the special election March 26.

Harrison says great railroad improvements will be made if congress legalizes pooling and plans a great transcontinental merger.

The Krupps, of Germany, will at once begin the manufacture of gunpowder in Mexico. The government will lend much assistance.

Chicago's new charter proposes to give the people a recall system.

Servia is buying gunpowder and Germany is uneasy over the situation.

Three Chicago boys ran away to join Roosevelt on his trip to Africa.

Persia is again the scene of internal strife and Russia is sending troops.

The government only awaits word from Mexico to intervene in Central America.

General W. T. Palmer, founder of Colorado Springs and a great railroad builder, is dead.

Dr. Starr, of Chicago university, declares that Roosevelt will not survive his trip to Africa.

The speaker of the Texas lower house has been compelled to resign on account of charges of graft.

The California legislature has passed a bill requiring railroads to have three brakemen on freight trains of over 50 cars.

Indians in Northern Canada have suffered greatly from cold this winter and many have frozen to death. Their supplies are also nearly exhausted.

A Milwaukee grand jury has found a plumbers' trust.

Seismographs at Manila recorded a heavy earthquake.

Lawyers in the Calhoun trial are still battling over jurors.

Civic chaos has followed the resignation of Mayor Harper at Los Angeles.

Anthracite miners and operators have disagreed and the conference adjourned.

Secretaries Ballinger and Wilson will personally inspect irrigation and forest work.

The British naval plan for the coming year contains plans for four monster battleships.

A Montana holdup man robbed six Japs and then made them assist him to escape on a hand car.

The American minister to Nicaragua has been recalled and joint intervention by Mexico and the United States is threatened.

A landslide at Java has almost completely buried three villages and cost hundreds of lives. The dead are estimated at over 1,000.

Castro has engaged berths on a vessel sailing for Venezuela March 26.

A Cuban woman has just given birth to quadruplets, two boys and two girls.

The Minnesota house has turned down two bills favoring woman suffrage.

The house committee is receiving many protests against proposed tariff changes.

A Chicago pastor and \$5,000 have disappeared and the police are looking for him.

Mayor Harper, of Los Angeles, has resigned under the threat of exposure of gross immorality.

An attempt was made to wreck a Burlington passenger train near Peoria, Ill., by throwing a switch.

The Nevada legislature is considering an anti-gambling bill which even prohibits the playing of whist or other games for prizes.

Anthracite miners' demands have been refused by the operators and both sides are preparing for a strike.

Japanese figures show that 94 more Japanese returned home during February than came to the United States.

East Africa is making great preparations for Roosevelt's hunt.

The president of the German Fire Insurance company has been indicted at Toledo, Ohio, for perjury and embezzlement.

### CONVICT TOO FAT.

Missouri Warden Has No Accommodations for Prisoner.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 16.—Matt W. Hall, warden of the penitentiary, admits that he has a hard problem to discover some means of handling Louis Decker, of St. Louis, a former member of the house of delegates, who was prosecuted and convicted of bootlegging and sentenced to the penitentiary for five years.

Decker came here last Thursday and surrendered. That evening he was delivered to the warden of the penitentiary. Then the trouble started for the warden.

It was discovered that there was not a suit of clothes in the prison large enough to fit the prisoner, and that the cell doors were too small to admit him. Decker tips the scales at 320 pounds, and is by far the heaviest prisoner ever received at the penitentiary.

Prison Physician Chastain was called in for counsel. He said he believed a place could be fixed up in the hospital building where Decker could be kept. The warden at once accepted the proposition and Decker was taken there and has been confined there since.

### PLOT TO FORCE INTERVENTION.

Returned Traveler Says Federation of States is Object.

City of Mexico, March 16.—According to J. H. Graham, an American traveler who has recently returned here after visiting the Central American capitals, the trouble fomented by President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, is the result of a definite program to enforce the intervention of the United States.

Both Honduras and Salvador have already appealed to Washington to intervene, and Zelaya is co-operating with them, according to this authority.

Zelaya and the other Central American executives cannot retire, as that might mean a forfeiture of life. If intervention will bring about the federation of the five republics, allowing the present rulers to step down and enjoy peacefully the fortunes they all have amassed, the purpose of Zelaya and his allies will have been accomplished, according to Mr. Graham.

### SERVIA PREPARES FOR WAR.

Expects to Have 250,000 Men Ready for Field by April.

Vienna, March 16.—According to information from the best of sources, Servia's military preparations are being pushed with haste and energy which strongly belie the protestations of the late memorandum as to the desire of the country to remain at peace.

Beginning in February, the entire first line of reserve was placed on a war footing and it has been drilled for three weeks. At the end of January 30,000 recruits were called up, as compared with the usual number of 17,000. In the last few months the second reserve has been called out for two weeks' exercise.

Beginning in April, Servia counts on being able to place 250,000 men in the field.

Austria-Hungary is fully prepared for action and is inclined to force an immediate solution of the present crisis.

### Aeroplane is Christened.

New York, March 16.—What is said to have been the first christening of an aeroplane in the history of the world, took place today at Morris park under the auspices of the Aeronautic society. Virtually all of the ceremonies which attend the launching of a ship were performed, including the breaking of a bottle of champagne on one of the steel bars of the machine. The sponsor named the new craft "New York No. 1."

### Ship Sinks, 20 Drowned.

Rotterdam, March 16.—The Norwegian steamer Mascot, for Sunderland, collided today with the German ship Margretha, from Iquique, for Hamburg, about 20 miles west of Mars lightship. The Margretha sank almost immediately. Twenty of the 26 members of the crew were drowned. The Mascot returned here with a big hole in her bow. The Margretha was commanded by Captain Woethre.

### Coal Strike is Predicted.

Philadelphia, March 16.—"The anthracite miners will strike," Secretary Hartline, of District No. 9, of the United Mine Workers of America, made this statement last night in discussing the union's agreement with the mine owners. He based the prediction upon the apparent inability of the opposing sides to get together.

### Morse Fortune All Gone.

New York, March 16.—Mrs. Charles W. Morse, wife of the former bank and ice company promoter, tonight confirmed the report that her husband's fortune had been entirely dissipated and that she had to sell her furniture and jewels to meet the obligations incurred by him in his recent trial.

### Plan Timber Pickling Plant.

Anacosta, Mont., March 16.—E. F. Sherman, chief of the forestry bureau, has divided the division of the forestry bureau into two divisions for the purpose of installing a timber pickling plant southeast of this city. By the pickling process the government hopes to be able to preserve the life of the timbers.

### Wreck Hurts Seventeen.

San Antonio, Tex., March 16.—Seventeen passengers were injured, some seriously, and two perhaps fatally, in the collision last night of a Southern Pacific passenger train and a switch engine at Sanderson, Tex.

## OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

### THE SPECIAL SESSION.

Salem, March 16.—Tuesday afternoon will end the business of the Oregon legislature, after a special session of about 30 hours.

The house tonight adopted a resolution for adjournment at noon Tuesday. Speaker McArthur said it might be necessary to turn the clock back.

Each house continued the organization of the regular session this morning by adopting resolutions declaring President Bowerman and Speaker McArthur the presiding officers.

Three bills have passed both houses, one by Representative Bones, appropriating \$7,500 for expenses of the special session, one curing a defective emergency clause in the act creating a board to eliminate duplications in curricula of the Agricultural college and the state university, and one appropriating funds for improvements in state institutions.

The house voted to submit the normal issue to a vote of the people. A bill has also been introduced appropriating \$40,000 for each of the three schools to carry them until after the election of 1910.

In the senate there is a disposition to ignore the normal question entirely and it is doubtful if any action is taken further than to submit the whole thing to a popular vote.

Both houses have refused to take up any of the bills vetoed by Chamberlain.

Salem, March 16.—No appropriations for normal schools were made by the Oregon legislature, which ended its special session at 8:40 tonight. The lawmakers quit the capitol, leaving dead in the house a senate bill granting the schools \$8,000 each for maintenance until next June. The normal forces repudiated the bill and its supporters could not muster the two-thirds necessary to advance it to second reading. The vote on suspension of the rules was 28 ayes to 16 noes.

Because the gross earnings tax laws enacted by the initiative in 1906 were killed by implication by a tax act of the legislature in 1907, the ad valorem tax act of the regular session of 1909 was not touched by the special session. An unsuccessful attempt was made to render inoperative the dairy inspection act of the regular session.

Bills passed during the special session cure defects in those passed at the regular session and all efforts to introduce new business were voted down. The work of the special session comprises the following:

Appropriation for improvements in state institutions; appropriation for experiment station at Union; opening duck season in Willamette valley October 1 instead of October 15; protecting deer; prohibiting night hunting of deer; protecting elk; rope fire escapes in hotels not to apply to towns having fire regulations; salaries of Supreme court bailiff, clerk and stenographers; act creating curricula board; requiring doors of public buildings to open outward; new code; reimbursing \$7,500 for special session; reimbursing George H. Small.

### Liberty Bell at Festival.

Portland.—The grand triumphal journey of the "Liberty Bell" to the Pacific coast, a movement which was started by the Portland Rose festival, is assured almost beyond any doubt. Not only is Portland working to secure the historic relic as a special attraction for the local carnival here, but Seattle is bending every energy to secure it for the A.-Y.-P. fair. San Francisco wants it for its "Rehabilitation Day" anniversary, and more than 100 cities on the coast and along the different transcontinental railroads have passed resolutions memorializing the authorities of the city of Philadelphia to permit the treasured trophy to make the trip—the first one it has ever taken West of the Mississippi river. So widespread has the movement become that the congressional delegates of every state West of the Mississippi with but one or two exceptions have been asked to use their influence to bring the sacred totem of American independence to the coast.

### Marion's Finest for A.-Y.-P.

Salem.—W. A. Taylor, who has charge of the Marion county exhibit at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, is working faithfully to prepare an exhibit that will be a credit to the state and the county. Nothing but products actually grown or made in Marion county will constitute any part of the exhibit. It will surpass the exhibit made by the county at Portland in 1905 if Mr. Taylor's plans are not interfered with. One carload has already gone north and another will be sent later.

### Fruitmen to Experiment.

Medford.—The Rogue River Valley Horticultural society has re-elected J. E. Watt, president for the third term. The other officers are: H. T. Findlay, vice president; Harry Tuttle, secretary; J. A. Perry, treasurer. Professor Ogara addressed the fruit men. Mr. Ogara will have headquarters at Medford during the coming summer and direct his investigations in cross pollination. Experiments will be made this spring at frost prevention.

### French Colony for Coos Bay.

Marshfield.—E. Grapin, who represents a colony of French people in New York and others in Paris, is at Coos Bay investigating the place with a view of possibly bringing a colony to locate in this county.

### OPEN SILETZ LAND.

Two and One-Half Townships to Be Subject to Entry in April.

Portland—Register A. S. Dresser and Receiver G. W. Bibbe, of the Portland land office, announce that two and one-half townships in the Siletz reservation will be subject to application and entry next month. Legal applications for the entry of sections 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 35 and 36, township 6 south, range 10 west, will be received at the land office in this city beginning at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, April 20. Applications may also be made for entry on lands included in the south half of township 6 south, range 9 west, beginning at 9 a. m. two days later, Thursday, April 22. Notice that the survey of these two half sections has been approved has been received by the local land office officials. On March 23 all of township 7 south, range 9 west, will be thrown open to entry on the same conditions.

The lands thus thrown open to entry include some of the most valuable timber in the state. Formal entry, settlement and improvement of these lands has been held up for a number of years pending an approval of the survey. In the meantime many squatters have taken possession of quarter sections of land and have done much toward improving the same and establishing a home thereon. Under the rules of the general land office relating to filings on this land, all bona fide settlers will have 90 days in which to make formal entry on the particular tract on which they have been living. At the expiration of that period the land becomes subject to application and entry by any American citizen.

### Nursery for Rogue River Valley.

Medford—Rogue river valley is to have one of the largest nurseries in the West. The Yakima Nursery company has leased 300 acres of land from Dr. C. R. Ray, near Tolo. Trees, shrubbery, flowers and seeds of all kinds will be grown and distributed. W. D. Ingles, president of the Yakima Nursery company, and L. E. Hoover, of this city, consummated the deal. Ingles and Hoover have also purchased the William Vander Hellen 320-acre ranch, about three miles from Eagle Point, paying \$13,250.

### Irrigation Dam Completed.

Lakeview.—Mr. Elliot, who is in charge of the irrigation scheme carried out by the Elliot Irrigation & Reservoir company, reports the successful completion of the dam there. The water now covers an area of 60 acres at an average depth of 19 feet, and 100 acres at a less depth. The digging of the main canal and laterals is now being done, and a considerable area of agebrush land will be irrigated this year.

### Thorne for Insurance Clerk.

Salem.—Insurance Commissioner Kozler has announced the appointment of J. M. Thorne, of Roseburg, as chief clerk in the insurance department. Mr. Thorne is well known in Douglas county and is an experienced banker.

### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, \$1.20@1.25; club, \$1.10; red Russian, \$1.07@1.08; valley, \$1.10.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$39.

Barley—Feed, \$30@30.50 per ton.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$13@15 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$16 @18; clover, \$12@13; alfalfa, \$14.50 @15; grain hay, \$13@14; cheat, \$13.50 @14.50; vetch, \$13.50@14.50.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 36c; fancy outside creamery, 32@35c per pound; store, 18@20c. (Butter fat prices average 1½¢ per pound under regular butter prices.)

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 20@21c per dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 16@16½¢; broilers, 20@25¢; fryers, 18@20¢; roosters, old, 11¢@12¢; young, 14¢@15¢; ducks, 20@22¢; geese, 10¢; turkeys, 18@20¢; squabs, \$2.50@3 per dozen.

Veal—Extra, 10½¢@11c per pound; ordinary, 7@8¢; heavy, 5c.

Pork—Fancy, 9½¢@10c per pound; large, 8¢@8½¢.

Apples—75¢@82.50 per box.

Potatoes—1.35¢@1.40 per hundred; sweet potatoes, 2½¢@3c per pound.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1@1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1.25; parsnips, \$1.50; beets, \$1.50@1.75; horseradish, 10c per pound; artichokes, 90¢@1 per dozen; asparagus, 12½¢@20c per pound; beans, 25c; cabbage, 3¼¢@3½¢ per pound; cauliflower, \$1.25 per dozen; celery, \$4.50 per crate; lettuce, head, 85c per dozen; onions, 4¢@50c per dozen; parsley, 25¢@30c per dozen; radishes, 35c per dozen; rhubarb, \$3.25 per box.

Onions—Oregon, \$1.75¢@1.90 per hundred.

Hops—1909 contracts, 10¢@10½¢ per pound; 1908 crop, 7@8c; 1907 crop, 3 @4c; 1906 crop, 1½¢@2c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, contracts, 16¢@18c per pound; valley, 16¢@17c; mohair, choice, 22c.

Cattle—Top steers, \$5@5.25; fair to good, \$4.75@5; common to medium, \$3.25@4.50; cows, top, \$4.25; fair to good, \$3.50@4; common to medium, \$2.50@3.50; calves, top, \$5@5.50; heavy, \$3.50@4; bulls, and stage, fat, \$3.50@5.50; common, \$2@2.75.

Hogs—Best, \$7.25; fair to good, \$6.75@7; stockers, \$5.50@6.50; China fats, \$6.75.

Sheep—Top wethers, \$5.75@6; fair to good, \$4.75@5.25; ewes, less on all grades; lambs, top, \$6.50@6.75; fair to good, \$6@6.50.

### SMALL HOPE IN TENNESSEE.

Remaining Standard Cases Desperate—Rebate Law About Dead.

Washington, March 12.—The officials of the department of justice today again declined to discuss what further action would be taken by the government with respect to the several other criminal cases against the Standard Oil company for accepting rebates now pending in the courts for the Northern District of Illinois. It is understood, however, that Messrs. Wilkerson and Sims, the government attorneys, will come to Washington within the next few days for a conference with Attorney General Wickersham, when it is presumed a course of action will be decided on.

The decision of the court in the \$29,240,000 fine case leaves still pending in the Chicago District court three double cases, in which two separate grand juries have found indictments. These three double cases are understood to be similar, if not identical, with the case decided yesterday.

Consideration already has been given by government counsel to the case of the United States against the Standard Oil company, which shortly is to come to trial at Jackson, Tenn.

The indictment in that case contains 1,500 counts, the specific charges being that the Standard shipped from Whiting, Ind., to various points in the South 1,500 or more carloads of oil on which concessions in rates were made by the railroads.

The decision of the Circuit court at Chicago is not binding as a matter of law on the Tennessee judge, who may try the case, as he is not in the same circuit, but it is considered likely that he may follow the Chicago court so far as the two cases have similarity. The Tennessee case probably will be heard by Judge John E. McCall, of the western district of Tennessee.

### WIRELESS TELLS OF WOE.

Atlantic Stations Pick Up Fragments of Appeal for Help From Sea.

Boston, March 12.—Another sea tragedy has been revealed to naval operators at the government wireless stations at Charleston navy yard and Newport by fragmentary messages received through the ether. Whether the breaks in the message are caused by the distress on board the vessel sending them or not is not known. Not enough has been received at either station to locate or identify the craft in trouble.

"In distress, notify life-saving stations—west—south—east—" is the way the message was read at Newport.

Another wireless station picked up fragments of a message about the same time which were in effect that a vessel was drifting in distress off the New Jersey coast. The word "Trainer" was among other unconnected words received and this led to the supposition that the message might have referred to the schooner "Ann B. Trainer," which was reported early in the week as drifting without masts off the Virginia coast.

### BRITAIN GAINS TERRITORY.

Siam Cedes 15,000 Square Miles Under Industrial Treaty.

London, March 12.—Fifteen thousand square miles of territory has been added to the British empire by the treaty signed yesterday at Bangkok, Siam, under the terms of which Siam cedes to Great Britain the states of Kalantan, Tring and Kedah, which hereafter will be administered with the Malay Federated states.

Under the treaty British capital to the extent of \$20,000,000, will be furnished for the construction of railroads south from Bangkok. These lines are to be controlled by a new department quite distinct from the present railroad administration of Siam, which is administered by Germans. There will be also a gradual abolition of British extra territorial rights in Siam.

### Death Harvest in Georgia.

Atlanta, Ga., March 12.—Ten persons were killed in the tornado that swept across Alabama and Georgia last night. The storm plowed two miles of timber and farms near Cumming, Ga., and destroyed much property. Cuthbert, Ga., reported the damage at \$500,000. Nearly half the main business block was damaged. Homeless persons wandered through the town searching for household goods which the wind had scattered.

### Life Saves by Wireless.

Eureka, Cal., March 12.—The oil steamer Asuncion, Captain George E. Bridget, en route from San Francisco to Portland, hove to 100 miles north of here this afternoon and notified the Fort Humboldt wireless station that a sailor had fallen from the rigging to the deck. The message stated that his injuries had resulted in severe internal hemorrhages, and medical advice was asked for and was promptly given.

### Again on Visiting Terms.

Victoria, B. C., March 12.—News was brought by the steamer Suveric, which reached port today, that Japan was preparing to receive the first Russian warships to reach Japan since the war. They are the Korietz and Glyak, new vessels named after two of the same name sunk during the war, and had come from Russia, to be followed shortly by the new cruiser Pavel III, Dzibuti and another battleship.

### Death List Now 35.

Brinkley, Ark., March 12.—Thirty-five persons were killed by the tornado here and more than 200 injured, according to a statement issued tonight by Mayor Jackson. An appeal for outside aid for the homeless was made by the mayor.

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